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1. Each of Applicant's independent claims (claims 1 and 9) requires a leveling carriage that is attached to a reversing table and separately attached to a frame or frame assembly (referred to collectively herein as "frame"). For example, in claim 1, the reversing table is "rotatably attached to said leveling carriage" and the frame is "rotatably attached to said reversing table and separately rotatably attached to said leveling carriage." In claim 9, the leveling carriage is "rotatably attached to said reversing table and separately rotatably attached to said frame assembly."

In contrast, the element in Feller identified by the Examiner as a leveling carriage (14) is attached to the element identified by the Examiner as a "reversing assembly" (unnumbered A-frame beneath element 14), but is not separately attached to the element identified by the Examiner as a "frame" (20). Any attachment between Feller's "leveling carriage" and "frame" is made indirectly through the "reversing assembly."

2. As a separate point, the element identified by the Examiner as a "reversing assembly" corresponds more directly to the Applicant's claimed frame. Similarly, Feller's element 14 most directly corresponds to Applicant's reversing assembly, not Applicant's leveling carriage. Further, the Examiner contends the item identified by reference numeral 12 in Feller is a lift arm assembly. Feller refers to element 12 as a plow blade. Feller's plow blade corresponds to Applicant's moldboard 14. Feller's plow blade and Applicant's moldboard are elements to be lifted by a lift arm assembly and do not form any part of a lift arm assembly. However, Feller's written description refers to a centered arm (not shown) in Col. 2, line 6. Feller's centered arm corresponds to Applicant's lift arm assembly. When the disclosed elements of Feller are properly characterized, Feller does not disclose any element that corresponds to Applicant's claimed "leveling carriage."

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